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TAGS: GJ, PINS

SUBJ: GRENADA STRIKE FLOUNDERS

REF: BTN 0003

1. COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-TWO'S PLANS FOR ISLAND-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE STARTING JAN 3 IN SUPPORT OF ITS DEMAND FOR GOG'S RESIGNATION APPEAR TO BE FLOUNDERING WITH REPORTED DEFECTION OF THIRD COMMITTEE MEMBER. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ONE OF FOUR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS THAT ORIGINALLY ENDORSED COMMITTEE'S DEMANDS, REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED JAN 2 ITS DECISION TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON COMMITTEE, INCLUDING URBAN-BASED LABOR UNIONS, SCHEDULED TO MEET JAN 3 TO REASSESS THEIR STANDS.

2. IN BARBADOS DR HAROLD FORDE, DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR CARIBBEAN LIONS CLUBS, GAVE PRESS INTERVIEW JAN 2 TO EXPLAIN HIS REASONS FOR INSTRUCTING GRENADA LIONS CLUB TO WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE. FORDE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM GRENADA PREMIER ERIC GAIRY RAISING ISSUE OF LIONS' MEMBERSHIP IN COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTING THAT FORDE INSTRUCT CLUB TO WITHDRAW. FORDE SAID

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HIS DECISION TAKEN IN INTEREST OF PRESERVING CLUB'S INTEGRITY

SINCE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNATIONAL RULES FORBID INVOLVEMENT  
IN ISSUES RELATING TO PARTISAN POLITICS OR SECTARIAN RELIGION.

3. SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INVESTIGATING ADMINISTRATION  
OF JUSTICE IN GRENADA SCHEDULED TO RESUME HEARINGS JAN 3  
FOLLOWING HOLIDAY RECESS.

4. ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE TRINIDAD "EXPRESS"  
CORRESPONDENT CECIL BULLEN, GOG PLANS TO INTRODUCE SHOJTLY  
LEGISLATION MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR BUSINESSES TO CLOSE ON  
NORMAL BUSINESS DAYS. GOG ALSO SAID TO BE REVIEWING PRESENT  
POLICY CONCERNING WORK PERMITS AND PERMANENT RESIDENCE VISAS  
FOR MEMBERS OF BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

5. COMMENT: GAIRY APPEARS TO BE MAKING SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN  
HIS WAR OF NERVES WITH OPPOSITION GROUPS. CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
THOUGH ONE OF GAIRY'S TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPORT, TOOK  
STRONG STAND AGAINST GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING NOV 18 BEATINGS OF  
SIX NJM MEMBERS AND SUBSEQUENT HARRASSMENT OF CIVILIANS BY  
POLICE AND POLICE AIDES. IF REPORT OF CHURCH REVERSAL CORRECT,  
COMMITTEE OF 22 WITH HAVE LOST IMPORTANT ALLY.  
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